आगे-पीछे की अवधि में सीमा शुल्क में कटौतियों को इस प्रावधान के साथ लागू किया जाएगा कि यदि करार के अधीन औद्योगिकीकृत देश अपने दायित्वों से पीछे हटते हैं तो सीमा शुल्क 1990 के स्तरों पर वापस आ जाएगा ।

य.एस.ए. तथा यूरोपीय आर्थिक समुदाय के देश दोनों ही वस्त्र तथा कलादिय में बाजार प्रवेश मामले में भारत से दुबारा वार्ता करना चाहते हैं।

Popularisation of jute products

2238. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian jute dress material attracted a lot of customers at a recent exhibition in Germany;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to popularise these items;

(c) whether the jute growers have been facing numrous problems in recent years including suspension of purchases by the Jute Corporation of India;

(d) what are the figures of acreage and production for the past three years;

(e) whether it is a fact that acreage and production of jute have gone down; and

(f) what steps have been taken or are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Jute Manufactures Development Council is inter-acting with manufacturers and designers to produce jute fabric according to the demand of customers. Efforts are also being made to execute the export orders booked in the exhibition to the best satisfaction of the buyers.

(c) to (f) Purchase of raw jute under Minimum Support Price is made by Jute Corporation of India as and when necessary. Most of this year as the prices were ruling well above the MSP, there was no need for purchases for price support. The figures of raw jute production and the area covered during the last three years are given below:—

Year (July-June)	Area ('000 hac.)	Production ('000 bales of 180 kgs. each)
1990-91	1023	9103
1991-92	1107	10183
1992-93	812	7423

The area and the production of raw jute are varying according to the demand and price situation. Government is fixing minimum Support Price on annual basis to protect the interest of the farmers.